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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PANEL MEETING

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1. DOT PREPARED TO HOST WASHINGTON TRP MEETING DURING LATTER PART OF OCTOBER FOR A PERIOD OF 2 TO 3 DAYS WITH PARALLEL SESSIONS.

2. PROPOSED LIST OF TOPICS AND SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR U.S. PRESENTATION ARE:

1. URBAN TRANSPORTATION:

(A) DISCUSSION OF THE RECENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT REGULATION WHICH REQUIRES URBANIZED AREAS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN WHICH CONSIDERS A RANGE OF ACTIONS, INCLUDING:

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-- TRAFFIC OPERATIONS IMPROVEMENTS: ONE-WAY

STREETS, SIGNALIZATION, COMPUTERIZED TRAFFIC CONTROL, METERING ACCESS TO FREEWAYS.

-- PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR TRANSIT AND CARPOOLS: EXCLUSIVE OR PREFERENTIAL LANES ON FREEWAYS AND CITY STREETS; EXCLUSIVE LANES TO BYPASS CONGESTED POINTS.

-- APPROPRIATE PROVISION FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES.

-- MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF PARKING; ELIMINATION OF NON-STREET PARKING; REGULATION OF AMOUNT AND PRICE OF PARKING.

-- CHANGES IN WORK SCHEDULES, FARE STRUCTURE.

-- ACTIONS TO REDUCE VEHICLE USE IN CONGESTED AREAS:

--CARPOOLING

--AUTO RESTRICTED ZONES

-- ACTIONS TO IMPROVE TRANSIT SERVICE: BETTER COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES; BETTER MARKETING.

(B) DISCUSSION OF THE PLANS SUBMITTED BY SEVERAL URBANIZED AREAS.

(C) RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS UNDERWAY.

2. FINANCING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

(A) URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

-- BRIEF REVIEW OF THE TREND IN URBAN TRANSPORTATION DEFICITS AND MOST SIGNIFICANT CAUSAL FACTORS.

-- BRIEF DISCUSSION OF FEDERAL RESPONSE--UMTA
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SECTION 5 PROGRAM AND EXPERIENCE.

-- IDEAS THAT WE HAVE FOR MAKING THE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MORE EFFECTIVE.

(B) RAIL TRANSPORTATION:

-- BRIEF REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF OUR

RAIL SYSTEM--LEADING TO CONRAIL AND AMTRAK.

-- DISCUSSION OF EXPERIENCE WITH AMTRAK AND OUR
APPROACH TO MAKING THE SERVICE MORE EFFICIENT.

-- BRIEF DISCUSSION OF OUR DEREGULATION EFFORTS.

3. MAGNETIC LEVITATION AND PROPULSION:

(1) DISCUSS TST COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WITH CANADA
IN INTEGRATED LEVITATION/PROPULSION SYSTEMS.

(2) OUTLINE PLANS FOR ANALYSIS OF LINEAR SYN-
CHRONOUS MOTORS.

(3) DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF LINEAR ELECTRIC MOTORS
FOR ADVANCED AND CONVENTIONAL RAIL.

4. PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS (UGM):

(A) DISCUSS PLANNING ASPECTS OF UGM.

(B) DISCUSS SPECIFIC EXPERIMENTS.

(C) DISCUSS TECHNIQUES AND SYSTEMS FOR EFFICIENT
DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS (FREIGHT CONSOLIDATION,
TUBE EXPRESS).

5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

(A) DISCUSSION OF DOT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
PROCEDURES AND POLICIES WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS
ON THEIR APPLICATION TO HIGHWAY PROJECTS, AND

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NEED FOR INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING IN
OVERALL PLANNING EFFORT.

(B) DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN
ENCOUNTERED IN THE APPLICATION OF THE NATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND OTHER STATUTES TO
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND HOW THESE HAVE BEEN
ADDRESSED.

(C) RESEARCH EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE TOOLS FOR
ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS.

6. AUTOMATED GUIDEWAY TRANSIT (AGT):

(A) DISCUSS PROJECT AND SELECTION OF DEMON-

STATION CITIES ENGAGED IN DEVELOPMENT OF DOWNTOWN PEOPLE MOVER SYSTEMS.

(B) UPDATE OF MORGANTOWN PRT SYSTEM.

(C) REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ADVANCED GROUP RAPID TRANSTT, AGT TECHNOLOGY AND AGT ASSESSMENT AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC STUDIES PROGRAMS.

7. SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF NUCLEAR FUEL;

(A) GENERAL BASES FOR AND FEATURES OF REGULATIONS FOR TRANSPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS.

(B) DESCRIPTION OF RELATIVE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF DOT AND OTHER FEDERAL ENTITIES IN TRANSPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS.

(C) VISUAL PRESENTATION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF PACKAGING.

(D) US EXPERIENCE IN TRANSPORTATION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS IN PAST 5 YEARS.

8. ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS IN TRANSPORTATION:

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(A) DISCUSS OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, FINDINGS OF THE STUDY OF MOTOR VEHICLE GOALS FOR THE 1980'S.

(B) DESCRIBE AND REPORT ON REGULATIONS AFFECTING NEW CAR FUEL EFFICIENCY.

(C) REVIEW HISTORY, OBJECTIVES AND IMPACT OF 55 MPH SPEED LIMIT REGULATIONS.

(D) DISCUSS OTHER CONSERVATION MEASURES ON BASIS OF SPECIFIC GOJ INTEREST.

9. TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY:

(A) BRIEF REVIEW OF THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS AND POLICIES FOR MEETING THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED.

(B) DISCUSSION OF THE MOST RELEVANT ALTERNATIVES FOR MEETING THESE NEEDS. I.E., (1) PURCHASE OF WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT VEHICLES, (2) IM-

PLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL SERVICES, OR (3) SUBSIDIES PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUALS TO PURCHASE NEEDED SERVICES.

(C) DISCUSSION OF SAFETY ISSUES RELATED TO AIR TRANSPORTATION OF SEVERLY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS.

(D) DISCUSSION OF RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS RELATED TO THE PROBLEM.

10. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR SMALL TOWNS AND RURAL AREAS:

(A) A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM IN THE UNITED STATES.

(B) APPROACHES WHICH WE ARE CURRENTLY EVALUATING IN A NUMBER OF RURAL AREAS.

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11. DEEPWATER PORTS:

(A) DISCUSS POLICY AND REGULATORY MATTERS BEARING ON ECONOMIC ROLE OF DEEPWATER PORTS (IMPACT ON IMPORTS; FACILITY LIMITATION; ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION).

(B) DISCUSS PROGRAM MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH DEEPWATER PORTS (ON-SHORE IMPACT OF FACILITIES; SAFETY ZONES, NAVIGATION CONTROLS).

(C) DISCUSS TECHNICAL MATTERS RELATING TO OPERATIONS OF FACILITIES (PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT; CONTAINMENT OF OIL SPILLS, ETC).

12. CONVENTIONAL RAILROAD TECHNOLOGY:

(A) COMPARISON OF THE ENERGY CONSUMED IN TRANSPORTING FREIGHT OVER THE HIGHWAY VS TRAILER OR CONTAINER ON RAILROAD FLATCAR.

(B) THE EFFECTIVENESS OF VARIOUS TECHNIQUES FOR AUTOMATIC CAR IDENTIFICATION (ACI).

(C) RESULTS OF INITIAL SHAKER TESTS ON THE NEW RAIL DYNAMICS LAB.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF THE RECENTLY COMPLETED

"FACILITY FOR ACCELERATED SERVICE TESTING" (FAST)
AND PLANS FOR ITS USE.

13. HIGHWAY SYSTEMS:

1. AUTOMATED HIGHWAY SYSTEMS:

(A) STATUS OF THE STUDY ON THE COST AND
BENEFIT OF SEVERAL GENERIC AUTOMATED HIGHWAY
SYSTEMS.

(B) STATUS OF THE AUTOMATIC LATERAL CONTROL
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SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

(C) STATUS OF THE AUTOMATIC LONGITUDINAL
CONTROL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AT THE OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY.

(D) PLANNED FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

2. INCREASED EFFICIENCY OF TRAFFIC CONTROL:

(A) DISCUSS OPERATIONAL FINDING FOR THE URBAN
TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM (UTCS).

(B) BRIEFLY REVIEW PRACTICES AND FINDINGS IN
THE USE OF PREFERENTIAL BUS AND CARPOOLING.

(C) REVIEW WORK UNDERWAY TO IMPROVE CORRIDOR
SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL. INCLUDING BOTH
FREEWAY AND ARTERIAL STREET ROUTE DIVERSION
THROUGH USE OF SIGN AND ROADSIDE RADIO.

(D) DISCUSS WORK UNDERWAY TO IMPROVE COMMUNI-
CATIONS EFFICIENCY AND COST OF TRAFFIC CONTROL
SYSTEMS.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY OBTAIN FROM GOJ PREFERRED TIMING FOR
MEETING, ACCEPTABILITY OF ABOVE TOPICS AND PROPOSED GOJ
PRESENTATIONS RELATING TO THEM AND ESTIMATED SIZE OF GOJ
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